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SUBJECT: CCMS: FALL PLENARY - COASTAL WATER POLLUTION - OIL SPILLS

REF: USNATO 5084 (NOTAL); AC/274-D/15

SUMMARY: PRIOR TO CCMS FALL PLENARY, CCMS HAD ALREADY APPROVED BY SILENT CONSENT PROCEDURE (REFTEL) THE DRAFT RESOLUTION CIRCULATED BY BELGIUM ON FURTHER FOLLOW-UP TO 1970 NATO OIL SPILLS RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (REFDOC). AT PLENARY CCMS AGREED ON TRANSMISSION OF NEWLY APPROVED RESOLUTION TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL. US REITERATED ITS TRONG SUPPORT. TEXT OF RESOLUTION SET FORTH BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. BELGIUM (RENSON) AS PILOT COUNTRY FOR CCMS COASTAL WATER POLLUTION PILOT STUDY (INCLUDING OIL SPILLS) REPORTED TO PLENARY THE PRIOR APPROVAL BY CCMS OF OIL SPILLS FOLLOW-UP RESOLUTION, WHICH COMMITTEE THEN AGREED TO TRANSMIT TO COUNCIL.

2. US (DEP SECY OF TRANSPORTATION JOHN BARNUM) CONGRATULATED UNCLASSIFIED

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BELGIANS ON THEIR LEADERSHIP AND NOTED THAT, WITH ITS APPROVAL OF NEW RESOLUTION A MATTER OF RECORDS, CCMS HAD ACCEPTED A RESPONSIBILITY TO FURTHER MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN THIS AREA. HE ADDED THAT US COAST GUARD REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE READY TO

PARTICIPATE IN FOLLOW-UP WORK TO COME AND TO COORDINATE THIS WORK WITH ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO FINAL RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF CCMS COASTAL WATER POLLUTION PILOT STUDY (SEE SEPTEL). HE DREW ATTENTION OF ALLIED NATIONS TO UPCOMING IMCO TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM ON 1973 MARINE POLLUTION CONVENTION AND URGED THEM TO ATTEND; SYMPOSIUM WILL BE HELD IN ACAPULCO, MARCH 22-31, 1976. HE ALSO EXPRESSED STRONG US SUPPORT FOR PROJECTED CCMS OIL SPILLS FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE UNDER NEW RESOLUTION AND SAID THAT USIS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN ENSURING ITS SUCCESS. HE COMMENTED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THIS CONFERENCE WERE TO INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF SUCH TOPICS AS AIRBORNE OIL SPILL SURVEILLANCE AND NATIONAL POLLUTION STRIKE FORCE TEAMS.

3. BEGIN RESOLUTION TEXT:

ADDENDUM TO AC/274-D/15

POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION

THE NATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE:

CONFIRMING THEIR RESOLVE TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS MAY BE REQUIRED TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL SPILLS WHICH WERE ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL IN 1970 (C-M(70)64(REVISED)), INsofar AS THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT, AND REAFFIRMING THE EXPEDIENCY OF ALL THE SAID RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

CONSIDERING THAT THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY HAS EFFECTIVELY ASSUMED A CATALYZING ROLE VIS-A-VIS COUNTRIES AND SPECIALISED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

CONSIDERING THAT THE ALLIANCE HAS PROVIDED AN EFFECTIVE FRAMEWORK FOR INCREASING AWARENESS OF THIS ISSUE AND FOR THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS, THEREBY GENERATING A WIDE-RANGE OF NATIONAL MEASURES AIMED AT REDUCING OR ELIMINATING POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL SPILLS.

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RECOGNISING THAT NOTWITHSTANDING THE ACTION ALREADY TAKEN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND PARTICULARLY IMCO, MEMBER COUNTRIES MUST CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS WITHIN THESE ORGANIZATIONS AND WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.

NOTING, IN PARTICULAR, THAT CERTAIN POINTS WHICH ARE NOT BEING, AND WILL PROBABLY NOT BE, DEALT WITH BY INTERNATIONAL BODIES FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS SHOULD, IN THE OPINION OF THE EXPERT GROUP, BE GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION.

CONSIDERING THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT IS NO LONGER THE MOST EFFECTIVE PROCEDURE IN THIS CASE AND AT THIS STAGE, GIVEN THE WORK ALREADY IN PROGRESS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE

PRIORITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED FOR FUTURE ACTION.

HEREBY DECLARE THEIR RESOLVE:

(1) TO KEEP UP THEIR EFFORTS WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
TO IMPLEMENT THE NOVEMBER 1970 RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
INSOFAR AS THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT.

(2) TO ENGAGE IN FULL AND FREQUENT EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION ON
THE TECHNOLOGICAL ASPECTS INVOLVED IN DETECTING AND TACKLING OIL
SPILLS AT SEA AND, TO THIS END, TO PREPARE A MEETING OF EXPERTS,
TO BE HELD IN THE NEAR FUTURE (TWO YEARS), TO TAKE STOCK OF
THE STATE OF THE ART IN THE AFORESAID
TECHNOLOGIES.

(3) TO RECONSIDER WHETHER SUBSEQUENTLY ANY PRIORITY ISSUES
REMAIN TO BE DEALT WITH.

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